

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 40 (cancelled).

41. (currently amended) An article having a surface protected by a decorative layer comprising a wholly united layer of ~~a non-solvent~~ an ultraviolet ray hardening resin composite absorbed in an ink pattern, the ink pattern absorbing the hardening resin to provide said united layer as a single layer of the combined ink pattern and hardening resin, said united layer being applied to said surface by transfer under water pressure and hardened by ultraviolet irradiation,

said ink pattern including adjacent ink pattern portions, one of which contains ink that absorbs greater amounts of hardening resin and the other of which contains ink that absorbs lesser amounts of hardening resin ~~containing inks that absorb greater and lesser amounts of hardening resin,~~

~~said decorative layer including adjacent decorative layer portions corresponding with said~~ adjacent ink pattern portions ~~and~~ respectively containing corresponding greater and lesser amounts of absorbed hardening resin,

said ~~decorative layer~~ ink pattern portions containing

greater amounts of absorbed hardening resin having a low gloss and said ~~decorative layer~~ ink pattern portions containing lesser amounts of absorbed hardening resin having a high gloss as compared with said low gloss.

42. (currently amended) The article of claim 41, wherein said ~~decorative layer~~ ink pattern portions having a low gloss have a glossy degree of less than 20 when measured according to "mirror surface gloss of method 30-60 degree" in Japanese Industrial Standards Z8741 - 1997, and a difference of glossy degree between said ~~decorative layer~~ ink pattern portions having a low or a high gloss is equal to 10 or more when measured according to "mirror surface gloss of method 30-60 degree" in Japanese Industrial Standards Z8741 - 1997.

43. (currently amended) The article of claim 41, wherein said hardening resin contains a matting component, which imparts a matting effect to said ~~decorative layer~~ ink pattern portions having a low gloss or a high gloss.

44. (previously presented) The article of claim 41, wherein said ink includes ink pigment and said hardening resin is absorbed by said ink pattern in amounts corresponding with the amount of ink pigment in said ink pattern portions.

45. (previously presented) The article of claim 41, wherein said ink includes black ink pigment and said hardening resin composite is absorbed by said print pattern in amounts corresponding with the amount of black ink pigment in said ink pattern portions.

46. (previously presented) A water pressure transfer article as in claim 41, wherein said decorative layer has mechanical and chemical surface protection properties and said article does not have a separate protective top coat for said decorative layer.